

RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT: Asbestos in Residential Driveways, ^{Jefferson}~~Orleans~~ Parish, Louisiana

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DATE: February 2, 1990

SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION

LDEQ has informed us of an asbestos problem in residential driveways in several cities around New Orleans. We plan to have a conference call with LDEQ representatives in the Air Pesticides and Toxics Division conference room at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 5, 1990. We request that you or a member of your staff attend.

LDEQ is planning to issue a press release on their problem on February 5, 1990. Please note the attached lab report for your information.

CONCLUSIONS, ACTION TAKEN OR REQUIRED

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INFORMATION COPIES TO:
Roger Meacham (6X)

PRELIMINARY LAB REPORT: WESTWEGO, MARQUERO

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All 10 of 10 bulk samples taken on survey were positive for asbestos. At each site, the source of this sample material was the soft mat layer under a partial cementitious layer. Prior analysis of the cementitious layer showed 5-10% asbestos. Current bulk analysis of this softer material is running approximately 40-50% total asbestos, with a common ratio of 1/2 crocidolite and 1/2 chrysotile asbestos. Note that crocidolite is an extremely dangerous asbestiform with a health-impact assessed at 1000 times that of chrysotile asbestos. Results on air filter analysis have not yet been finalized. More air sampling is planned.

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